

BERNDT RICHARD O  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BERNDT RICHARD O

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP [(MRBK)]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
TWO HOPKINS PLAZA  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

BALTIMORE, MD 21201  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/26/2005                           |  | G                              | V   | 500   | D \$ 0  | 31,921.855   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 10/25/2005                           |  | G                              | V   | 800   | D \$ 0  | 32,421.855   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 01/01/2006                           |  | A                              |   | 500   | D (3)   | 33,221.885   | D                                 |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Phantom Stock Units                        | (2)  | 12/31/2005                           |  | A                              | 82.146  | (1) (1)  | Common Stock  | 82.146 \$   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BERNDT RICHARD O<br>TWO HOPKINS PLAZA<br>BALTIMORE, MD 21201 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Dennis W. Kreiner p/a for Richard O. Berndt  
Date: 01/04/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Acquired under Issuer's Unfunded Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors, and will be settled 100% in stock when the Reporting Person ceases to be a Director or at a later date to be determined by the Reporting Person.

(2) 1 for 1

Acquired under Issuer's Stock Retainer and Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors, adopted by the stockholders on

(3) May 10, 2005, and will be settled 100% in stock when the reporting person ceases to be a Director or at a later date to be determined by the Reporting Person.

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